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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Prior Application: H. ARITA et al
Serial No. 09/290,170
Filed: April 13, 1999

Group Art Unit: 2836
Examiner: F. Fleming
For: ENERGY AND POWER INTERCHANGE
SYSTEM AND ITS METHOD

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Before examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as set forth below.

Page 1, before the first line of the specification please insert the sentence:

--This application is a continuation application of U.S.

Serial No. 09/290,170, filed April 13, 1999.--

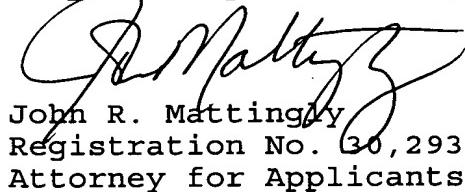
IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 2-18.

REMARKS

Entry and examination of the foregoing amendments is requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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